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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a local carrier Sonic.net because of their extraordinary customer service and great pricing.

Please keep competition for broadband services alive.

My wife and I are consumers, retired and could not afford higher prices from large providers.

I work from home on managing our investments and require great speed and service for graphics and charts.

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